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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission for OMB review; comment request

Generic Clearance to Conduct Voluntary Customer/Partner Surveys

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Library of Medicine (NLM), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register on April 2, 2012 (Vol. 77, No. 63, p. 19673) and allowed 60-days for public comment. A single public comment was received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

PROPOSED COLLECTION: <u>Title:</u> Generic Clearance to Conduct Voluntary

Customer/Partner Surveys; <u>Type of Information Collection Request:</u> Extension of
currently approved collection [OMB No. 0925-0476, expiration date 06/30/2012] <u>Form</u>

<u>Number:</u> NA; <u>Need and Use of Information Collection:</u> Executive Order 12962 directed agencies that provide significant services directly to the public to survey customers to

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determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing services. Additionally, since 1994, the NLM has been a "Federal Reinvention Laboratory" with a goal of improving its methods of delivering information to the public. An essential strategy in accomplishing reinvention goals is the ability to periodically receive input and feedback from customers about the design and quality of the services they receive. The NLM provides significant services directly to the public including health providers, researchers, universities, other federal agencies, state and local governments, and to others through a range of mechanisms, including publications, technical assistance, and Web sites. These services are primarily focused on health and medical information dissemination activities. The purpose of this submission is to obtain OMB's generic approval to continue to conduct satisfaction surveys of NLM's customers. The NLM will use the information provided by individuals and institutions to identify strengths and weaknesses in current services and to make improvements where feasible. The ability to periodically survey NLM's customers is essential to continually update and upgrade methods of providing high quality service. Frequency of Response: Annually or biennially. Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for profit; state or local governments; Federal agencies; non-profit institutions; small businesses or organizations. Type of Respondents: Organizations, medical researchers, physicians and other health care providers, librarians, students, and the general public. The annual reporting burden is as follows:

Types of Respondents	Estimated Number of Respondents	Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden Hours per Response	Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested
Researchers, Physicians, Other Health Care Providers, Librarians, Students, General Public	15,000	1	.150	2,250

The annualized cost to respondents for each year of the generic clearance is estimated to be \$20,670. There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs, and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DIRECT COMMENTS TO OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the

item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and

associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget,

Office of Regulatory Affairs, OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov or by fax to 202-395-

6974, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed

project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: David

Sharlip, National Library of Medicine, Building 38A, Room B2N12, 8600 Rockville Pike,

Bethesda, MD 20894, or call non-toll free number 301-402-9680 or e-mail your request

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COMMENTS DUE DATE: Comments regarding this information collection are best

assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: June 5, 2012

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